

BON MARCHE,
314-316-318 7th Street.

Telling Reductions For Saturday.

A great day's business today—and promise of another Saturday. It's most encouraging to know that when we make a decided call—when we reduce goods to prices that should sell them at once—our efforts are appreciated. But it's all traceable to the fair, honest treatment you get here—the knowing that we're to be depended on to do what we say.

Last Day of The Ribbon Sale.

We have given you the biggest Ribbon Sale you ever bought during these past few days. One more day—tomorrow. It is worth an effort to get here to buy all-silk Ribbon at about half their retail price. Just as a reminder we mention a few prices:

Thousands of yards of Taffeta, Fancy Striped and other Ribbon, 2 1/2 and 3 inches wide, that should bring at least 50c., we offer at... **12 1/2c.**
Satin-back velvet Ribbon, 2 1/2 inches wide, a constant need with every woman. Ribbons that never sell less than 25c. and 30c. we offer at... **19c.**
Double-face Satin Ribbon for Neckwear and Pulley Belts. All silk—
No. 5.....8c. yd.
No. 7.....10c. yd.
No. 9.....12 1/2c. yd.
29c. quality, 3-in. wide.....19c. yd.
45c. quality, 4 1/2-in. wide.....29c. yd.
50c. quality, 5-in. wide.....35c. yd.

Our offer to give the rings for making Pulley Belts free with each purchase of this Ribbon holds good tomorrow.
Hair Bands, made of satin-back velvet ribbon and colored double-face satin ribbon. The best values in Washington. **25c.**
Remember, we tie all hours free of charge, no matter what style you want.

Glove Special.
A twice-told tale, but worth repeating: More of those Ladies' 2-clasp Real Kid gloves—black, white, tan, model brown and gray. Regular \$1 and \$1.25. Now 73c. Tried on and fitted for **73c.**

Ladies' Suits.
Charlotte, Homespun and Venetian—in Eton, by-front and double-breasted effects. Jackets lined with taffeta and satin. Suits, complete skirt. Special **\$10**

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Parson Budget & Co.

Medium-weight Clothing for Boys.

Boys of all sizes and ages we refer to, from the youngest in kilts to the 16-year-old youth. Clothing for now, such as he can wear with comfort until the sun sizzles. New goods, to be sure, and a smarter gathering than we've ever had the pleasure to show you before. We launch the new season with some exceptionally strong values such as will satisfy the mother's pride and gratify the father's economy.

The various styles are double-breasted jacket, three-piece cutaway, sailor blouse, Russian blouse and vestee, ranging in price in a general way from

\$2.50 to \$10
Special attention is directed to our leaders for Saturday at... **\$3 & \$3.50**

Also our offering of Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 All-wool Kilt Suits for... **\$3.75**

Three Saturday Boys' Furnishing Specials.

All the 25c. Neckties, including the Ties, Four-in-hands, Puffs, Wind-sors and bows, go for... **17c.**
All the 50c. Neckties, in same styles, go for... **38c.**
Boys' Unlaundered White Shirts, regular 50c. kind, at... **39c.**
Mother's Personal Laundered Pique Shirt Waists, with and without collars, at one-third of regular prices.

Spring Hats for Men.

We speak the word, Ready! We emphasize it with some inviting values. Every new shape and style is here; a hat for every face and fancy.

The Derbys, in every popular shade and black, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, and so on. The Fedoras, also in every popular shade and black, at same prices.

Particular attention is directed to the line of Derbys and Fedoras at \$2.00. We've made a time sold no better for \$3.00. Our \$3.00 Flexible Derbys are a wonder, in black only. They're non-breakable. They conform readily to any head. No matter what price hat you select, each is a model of the degree of quality it represents, and the styles are sufficiently varied, thus helping one to best goods and completest comfort.

Men's Furnishings.

We believe ours to be the most all-around satisfactory men's furnishing goods store in town. The classes and masses are both served as they should be.

Collars, linen, four-ply, 10c.
Cuffs, four-ply, 15c. 2 pairs, 25c.
White and Colored Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Our showing of Fancy Colored Shirts is larger and richer than ever. Everything that's correct in Underwear and Hosiery.

A leader in Men's Hose in our various lines at 25c. Plain and fancy colors. Easily worth 35c.

Special Neckwear Offerings—
50c. Scarfs at 29c.

Heavy Ribbed Ottoman Silk in white, black and colors. Ascots, Imperials and Puffs. Cut full and generous, not skimpy, as bargain neckwear generally is. Better was never shown regularly at 50c.

Parker, Bridget & Co.,
Head-to-Foot Outfitters, Pa. Ave. and 9th Street.

BACK TO THE MINORS

National League Reduced to Eight Clubs and Washington Dropped.

THE WAGNERS TO RECEIVE \$46,500

Springfield Club May Be Transferred to This City.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—When the National League announced that the Springfield Club at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, a few minutes before midnight last night, every one of them was smiling and happy. After two days of higgling and haggling the circuit had been reduced to eight clubs, and the eight who gave and the little four who received were all satisfied.

Under the arrangements made the four clubs dropped—Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland and Louisville—nominal members of the ten-year agreement for two more years; but they will have neither clubs nor schedules and will be represented in league meetings only to live up to the legal end of the Indianapolis agreement. Under the terms of the present arrangement the four franchises, ground leases and players, with one exception, go to the eight club league. The exception is in case of the Baltimore players, the most of whom will go to Brooklyn. The league has the option of taking up the deal assumed in the Baltimore case.

The Wagners received \$46,500 for their share, less the \$7,500 received for the sale of Freeman, Dineen and Barry. For this sum they give the league an absolute clean title to all their holdings, and deliver twenty-seven out of the twenty-nine shares of the club's stock. The remaining two shares are held by Messrs. A. L. Johnson and Schieffer of Washington.

No better pleased trio came out of the session than George and Earle Wagner, and their lawyer, Earl Elliott. For the third time in their connection with baseball they had locked horns with the leaders of the National League and won out.

"Good-bye, Washington." Earle Wagner greeted The Star reporter with "Good-bye, Washington! Good-bye, baseball! Not to be ungracious in the hour of parting, but undoubtedly something in that line was echoed in the capital when the news reached there.

The Wagners will not meddle in minor league ball. Earle Wagner stated there was nothing in the rumors that Arthur Irwin would put the Eastern League club in Washington. "If any minor league club goes there," said he, "it will probably be the present Springfield club, and Tom Burns, the ex-Chicagoan, will manage it."

The league adjourned until 10:30 a.m. today, when President Young will present an eight-club schedule and routine matters will be adjusted. Baltimore's and Washington's status in minor league company will also be determined.

New Association Bought Off.

The story of how the league overcame the recent association opposition in Baltimore is now gradually leaking out. It is stated on good authority that the expense account of Deliaas Robinson in smoothing things over, and the settlement of which caused a two-days' clash between the circuit committee and the Baltimore men, was no less than \$11,000.

This amount did not only cover lawyer and court fees and a bonus in securing the ground lease, but a substantial sum to secure the signatures of McGraw and Robinson to league contracts. McGraw's new contract calls for \$5,000, instead of \$3,000, as last year, and Catcher Robinson profited to the extent of the raise from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

Mr. Robinson's authority to close up the breach between McGraw and the league was at first questioned by the readers, though in the end his efforts were practically approved.

Board of Arbitration Decisions.

The national board of arbitration, consisting of Messrs. Young, Soden, Rogers, Brush, Robinson and Hart, met at 11 a.m. and disposed of several player cases. Detroit was ordered to pay within thirty days for Players Schroll and McCann, secured from the Hamilton (Ont.) club. Lester, a New York leaguer, was released from reservation. In a dispute between Indianapolis and Baltimore, the latter was awarded Catcher Swormstedt. A petition was received from four minor leagues requesting the amendment of rule allowing National League to play men from minor leagues after close of the latter's season. The petition will be acted on next fall.

The Colored Rogers' claim of \$25 against the Reading club for Pitcher Murphy was approved.

The only National League player's case acted on was that of McGraw, who recently signed as catcher for Washington. McGraw was secured last fall, without paying drafting price, on the assumption that the Atlantic league, in which he played, had disbanded. President Fogel of that organization stated to the board that the Atlantic league did not disband and was entitled to reserve its players. McGraw was consequently decided to be property of the Allentown club, but Washington will not let McGraw go. McGraw says the case was decided on merits, as he was misled as to the Atlantic's status.

League Magnates Scored.

Some very strong things are said and written with reference to the men who run the National League. Here is what Director Abell of Brooklyn thinks of our town. "I have been in the baseball business for eighteen years, and in all that time have never known the magnates to do anything honestly or fairly. Whenever I go to a base ball meeting, never forget to check my money and valuables at the hotel office before entering the session chambers. Perhaps I may be censured and asked to apologize for saying that. But I feel the apology I make! That goes for publication, and you may sign my name to it if you like!"

Abell was indulging in a chaffing match with Mr. Dreyfuss when he said the above. Now he wishes he hadn't.

President Hart of Chicago and Col. Rogers of Philadelphia sauntered down the corridors yesterday arm in arm. At last year's meeting they had to interpose "Nick" Young and several pieces of furniture between the two to prevent fistfights. This eight-club affair will be a love feast.

Barney Dreyfuss will have one of the highest-priced clubs in Pittsburgh next season. When the association scene was abroad eight players were signed at the limit salary—\$2,400.

The outlook for the national game in the metropolis is not encouraging. No matter how the present season turns out, the justed, base ball here promises to remain in a chaotic state. When President Freedman two years ago "finked" on the rule to suppress roving players, he incurred the enmity of three-fourths of the local press. This antagonism has gathered force with time, so much so that Freedman's promises to strengthen his club now that eight clubs are assured are already discounted by New York critics.

Pat Donovan, who was generally picked as the Donovan's next manager, is slated to play right field for the St. Louis club.

The capital will not remain in minor leagues long. The old players, who were just as happy as the leaguers last night and were predicting both Washington's and Baltimore's entry into another great national organization next fall.

The league's one mistake in reducing its circuit is generally considered to be the dropping of the national capital without trying it out with a winning team.

PORTUNE FOR A HORSE.

Flying Fox, the Great Runner, sold for \$100,000 to Edmond Blanc.

At the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses, which took place yesterday at Kingsclere, England,

Hechts' Greater Stores.

Last cut in clothing.

As we said yesterday, do not expect lower prices for clothing than we are now making. In these reductions we have made the very last and greatest cut.

Suits which sold up to \$12.50 are now \$5.95

—and this embraces all the all-wool fancy chevrons and cassimeres, among which are all sizes, but which are considerably broken in lots. "Charged," just as though you were paying full prices.

Separate pants greatly reduced.

All the heavy-weight pants, from the lowest price to the very finest, go at about the same uniform reduction.
All \$3.00 pants are now \$1.08.
All \$4.00 pants are now \$2.08.
All \$5.00 pants are now \$3.08.

Sale new spring hats at \$1.50.

Hundreds of new derbies and fedoras will be put on sale tomorrow at \$1.50, which have been sold for \$2.50, for the same styles and grades are selling at \$2.50 elsewhere. In black and all shades.

29c. for men's 75c. and \$1 shirts.
Men's soft and stiff bosom white and percale shirts—open back and front or open back—made with patent cushion neckbands and each shirt has pair of detachable cuffs—fast in color and all sizes—sold originally at 75c. and \$1—now 29c.

25c. and 50c. neckwear, 19c.
All of our 25c. and 50c. punts, necks, Prince of Wales, band bows and four-in-hands—in an elegant assortment of patterns—light and dark colors—for the 19c. tomorrow.

12 1/2c. for men's 15c. and 19c. hose.
Men's fast color full seamless half hose—in fancy stripes—polka dots and also plain black—sell at 15c. and 19c., tomorrow for 12 1/2c.

Men's and boys' 49c. shirts, 39c.
Men's and boys' white unlaundered shirts—strongly reinforced—made with patent cushion neck bands—extra fine linen bosom—have been 49c.—tomorrow, 39c.

See Hechts' new millinery.

A splendid idea of the styles which are to follow can now be gotten from the display of new styles we're making now. You can buy knowing that you'll get as much stylishness as later.

500 boys' suits for \$1.29.

We shall have to offer you tomorrow five hundred boys' blue double-breasted short pants suits at \$1.29, which have never before been sold for less than \$1.98, thereby effecting you a saving of about three-quarters of a dollar.

Boys' waists. 15c. for boys' percale waists, in variety of patterns, which usually sell for 25c.

Knee pants. 39c. for boys' all-wool knee pants—some with double waist and knees.

Makers' samples boys' top coats, \$3.98--garments worth up to \$12

—consisting of unlaundered, serge, corduroy and berringtons—lined with best materials, and some of them satin faced. In sizes 3 to 16 years—and the very noblest of garments.

Closing out book department.

—and enormous reductions will do it. Best authors are represented—Hawthorne, "The Duchess," Cooper, Carey, Alexander, Henry.

25c. books to go at 12 1/2c.
50c. books to go at 19c.

5 vols. well-bound book sold at \$1.50, to go at 69c.

All latest music 16c. copy

—the same as sell for 25c. in music stores and which is marked 50c.

5,000 sheets music for 4 1/2c. copy.
Pianos tuned for \$1.39.

We shall take orders tomorrow for piano tuning for \$1.39, and guarantee the work to be perfect.

Flying Fox, winner in 1899 of the Derby, the Two Thousand Guineas, the Eclipse Stakes and the Doncaster St. Leger, was purchased by Edmond Blanc for \$75,000 guineas (about \$100,000). This is the highest price ever paid for a horse. Blanc is the son of the founder of Monte Carlo and is brother-in-law of Roland Bonaparte.

Flying Fox is a four-year-old bay colt by Orme—Vampire. Orme, the grandchild of Flying Fox, was sold for \$30,000 to the \$150,000 to McDonough, of San Francisco, about six years ago. Flying Fox, therefore, brought about \$46,500 more than his sire.

Flying Fox, by the demise of his late owner and breeder, forfeited engagements worth \$250,000 for the coming season. In the mate line he can boast the most illustrious ancestors in turf history. His sire, Orme, was poisoned before the Derby in which he was engaged and did not race, and he would have won the St. Leger but for a bad ride. He, however, twice won the Eclipse Stakes, also beating the great mare "Pleasant" on two occasions.

At the start a reserve price of 30,000 guineas (\$157,500) was placed on Flying Fox. He was immediately bid, and the bidding jumped 500 guineas at a time until the racer was "knocked down" to M. Blanc amid great excitement.

J. B. Joel bid to 30,000 guineas and then left the contest for Flying Fox to Mr. Gilpin, representing W. C. Whitney, and to M. Blanc. Mr. Gilpin bought Alorney for Mr. Whitney for 270 guineas (about \$1,400).

Among the best prices, in addition to that for Flying Fox, were 7,500 guineas (\$40,500) for Calveley, 5,000 guineas (\$26,250) for Goblet, 4,300 guineas (\$22,575) for Manchuria, bought by Wolf Joel, nephew of the late Barney H. Harkness, 2,100 guineas (\$11,000) for Good Luck, The Prince of Wales bought Vane for 4,300 guineas (\$22,575).

BROUGHT ABOUT BY VOLCANOES.

Strange Phenomena Produced by Eruptions in New Zealand.

From the Whiter Manu Mountains rose up in a series of twenty platforms in the form of a gigantic stairway. Each terrace was perfectly horizontal and of dazzling whiteness. The top step was vertically eighty feet above the base and sat 300 feet back. From every platform bubbled copious clouds of steam. A stream of boiling water, of infinite variety and of dazzling whiteness, poured over the sides of the terraces, and as it fell slowly from tier to tier the silicates with which the lava was heavily charged became deposited on its exposure to the air, and wonderful network designs of infinite variety and of dazzling whiteness and purity were formed. Not far from the white terrace was another termed the "Pink Terrace," where, owing to some coloring substance in the silicates, the lava, when the geysers, the deposits were of a delicate pink hue, from which was derived the name "Pink Terrace."

Unfortunately New Zealand no longer possesses this unique spectacle for the terraces are no more. The various agencies of nature which originally brought about the terraces served in turn to destroy them. Mr. Falconer gives a graphic description of the event. He says that on the morning of June 10 the night was clear and calm. Heavy rumbling sounds like rolls of distant thunder were heard. The ground was no very great storm. The next day dawned dull and gloomy. About 7:30 o'clock the morning grew darker and light gray ash, very fine, began to fall. He says that although they surmised an eruption was taking place in the Hot Lake district, there were no definite signs to that effect, so that he could only wait to see what would happen. By the aid of a lantern he succeeded in getting his way to the telegraph office, and there he learned that a serious disturbance was taking place at Tarawera and Rotomahana.

About 11 o'clock the darkness lifted. All round the ground was covered with a thin, filmy fall of fine ash to the depth of half an inch, and it was afterward found that the intense darkness was caused by a thick cloud of dust blown out by the volcano to a height so tremendous that it passed above Tarawera and dispersed over the country some miles away.

The manifestation was accompanied by intense cold, the thermometer registering five degrees of frost. This is explained by the fact that the column of steam as they came hissing out of the craters expanded as they ascended and absorbed their own heat, which became latent, so that the heat was abstracted from everything near. A day or two later the government geologist arrived at Tarawera and preparations to inspect the seat of the disaster were pushed rapidly forward. On the fourth day after the eruption the party arrived at Wairoa, the Maori village. There was scarcely a vestige of the settlement to be seen; the whole village had been crushed beneath volcanic lava and the charred and battered remains of the little village church were the only buildings protruding above the surface in the deposit, which at first measured four feet in thickness, but afterward settled down to half that depth. One young Englishman was killed, as well as the Maori who lived in the district and exacted tolls from visitors to the Hot Lakes. The scene was the widest imaginable. The air rushed down over the land with cyclonic fury, uprooting, tearing and breaking trees that had survived the hall of rocks, leaving here and there a gnarled and jagged trunk denuded of branches and stripped of its bark.

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Hechts' Greater Stores.

59c. for \$1 to \$2 Gloves.

Thousands of pairs of the very best gloves on the market at \$1 to \$2 will be put on sale tomorrow morning at 59c. These are gloves which when "tried on" by retailers gave way in the seams and were taken back by their makers and mended. They are stronger now than gloves are usually found to be, and because they've been virtually tested you can depend that they will not rip. The "mend" can scarcely be detected, hence at 59c. they are wonderful bargains. In black, white, red, gray, champagne—2 and 3 clasp.

Finest wrappers, 98c. tomorrow.

We shall sell tomorrow finest and heaviest percale wrappers—made with deep flounces—in light and dark colors—at 98c.—which are sold for no less than \$1.50 elsewhere.

Infants' coats.

Tomorrow you can see the complete stock of infants long and short Bedford cord coats. Immense variety.

Victoria Regina corsets.

—the proper corset for stout women—comfortable, yet stylish and graceful, \$2 pair.

Sale of linens.

3 1/2c. yard for heavy twilled bleached crash.
1 1/2c. yard for plain plaid lunch napkins.
10 1/4c. for extra heavy quality bleached buck towels. Worth 15c.
25c. yard for turkey and plaid effect table linen, 60 inches wide. Worth 35c.

23c. yard for table damask, in rich designs. Worth 35c.
49c. yard for two yards wide full bleached 1 x 1 1/2 damask.
59c. for a dozen all-linen dinner napkins. Worth 75c.
16c. each for moccie cloth imported from France, with fancy centers. Worth 25c.

Another furore in shoes.

Greater crowds should come for these shoe values than came for those announced for Monday because they are greater. And they beat the exclusive shoe stores' prices by a third.

Child's hand-turned button and lace shoes, sizes 5 to 8—instead of 75c., for... **49c.**
Child's box calf button and lace shoes, sizes 5 to 10—instead of \$1.25, for... **69c.**
Misses' tan button shoes—sizes 1 1/2 to 2 1/2—the regular \$1.50 grades—**79c.**
Misses' spring-heel button and lace shoes, with square toes only—sizes 2 1/2 to 4 1/2—the \$2 grade, for... **95c.**

Boys' genuine calf calf lace shoes—finest made—newest styles—sizes 2 1/2 to 4 1/2—for... **\$1.49**
Men's satin calf and tan Russia calf lace—instead of \$2 and \$2.50, for... **\$1.49**
Men's enamel, patent leather, Russia calf and steel kid lace—regular \$2.50 and \$3 shoes for... **\$1.98**

Handsome suits of all-wool cheviot serge, with the new shape skirts and new jackets, instead of \$10, are here at **\$7.50.**
Very stylish suits of Venetian, homespun, cheviot serge and the novel fabrics which are fashionable, with silk-lined jackets and boned skirts, instead of \$15 and \$20, here at **\$12.50.**
Ultra-stylish tailor-made suits, embracing the handomest applied braided garments—many all silk lined—in all colors, instead of \$25 and \$30, here at **\$19.98.**

Superior black broadcloth skirts, artistically applied with black taffeta, back and front; S. H. & M. binding, Nubian lining. We have sold hundreds of these handsome skirts. Whenever you see one that hangs with grace and fits like a charm you may feel certain that it came from Hecht's. They are just from our own work rooms. \$12.50 under ordinary conditions. Here now... **\$6.98**

Wide-wale cheviot skirts, in all the new shapes, excellent quality, splendidly made, just from our own work rooms. Equal to most \$4.98 skirts, at... **\$2.49**
New shape skirts, made of a very fine quality of black drill, which if we thought them would be \$5.50, for... **\$3.49**

No store can equal these values in ladies' suits and skirts.

\$7.50. \$12.50. \$19.98.

350 silk waists, made of a high grade of taffeta, in black and all the leading shades—some with tucked fronts and backs—some entirely tucked—some with new hemstitching—great values at \$7.50 and \$9—go at \$4.98.

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Hecht & Company,

513-515 Seventh Street.

Acorn Filters will take out all the mud and bacteria

in Potomac water, and make it as pure, clear and healthful as the most expensive mineral waters. Every household should have one, and the price is the lowest ever quoted in Washington for a good stone filter, viz., only **\$3.50**

Puritan Oil Heaters, \$3.50 up.

These popular Oil Heaters will be found to be a perfect substitute for coal stoves next three months, and the saving in fuel will be considerable. The Puritan is the best on the market, and it costs only \$3.50. Larger sizes in proportion.

Good Gas Heaters from \$1.25 up.

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER NEEDS SOMETHING IN THIS LIST:

PORCELAIN ENAMEL BATH TUB
PAINT, ETC.
LUBRICANT, STOVEPUMP, EN-
AMEL, LIDS AND 25c.
6-FOOT STEP LADDERS, 75c.
BUZZERS, 15c. AND 25c. CAN.
POWDERED FLOOR WAX, 50c. LARGE
CANS.
BEST FLOOR STAINS, 15c.

BARBER & ROSS, 11th & G Sts.

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